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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 21, 2004, for which a response was due on February 21, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 21, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.